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REMARKS:

The claims in the application remain 12-31.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

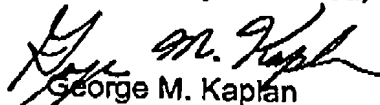
The only rejection raised in the Office Action is under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of all Claims 12-31 as being anticipated by newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 6,666,020 to Tonetti et al. However, Tonetti et al were filed in the United States August 1, 2002, after the priority date of June 3, 2002 of priority Swedish application 0201647-5. A verified English language translation of priority Swedish Application No. 0201647-5 has been previously-submitted, thus eliminating Tonetti et al as a reference. It is respectfully pointed out the effective date of a domestic patent when used as a reference is not the foreign filing date to which the application for patent may have been entitled under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) during examination. *In re Hilmer*, 359 F.2d 859, 149 USPQ 480 (CCPA 1966) and M.P.E.P. §§ 706.02(f)(1)III., 715.III.A. and 2136.03.I.

The remaining art of record has not been applied against the claims and will not be commented upon further at this time.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks and previous submission, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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